

VA St. Louis Health Care System Duty Hours

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In accordance with ASHP PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency Standard 2.1, a residents' primary professional commitment must be to the residency program. Employment beyond or outside of the residency program may be limited and must be approved by the RPD. Any outside employment must be approved by the RPD for the date and time of fulfillment *prior* to completion of the outside employment. Outside employment/work without prior approval by RPD can be considered reasonable grounds for dismissal from program. Furthermore, hours worked outside of the residency program are subject to duty hours (see below) and must be tracked and submitted to the RPD. If at any time it is determined that outside employment may be negatively effecting a pharmacy resident's residency performance and/or ability to meet program requirements the Residency Program Director may limit outside employment activities. This determination will be made at the discretion of the RPD with potential input from the resident in question and program/pharmacy department leadership as needed.

VA St. Louis Health Care System and Saint Louis College of Pharmacy comply with the Pharmacy Specific Duty Hours Requirements for the ASHP Accreditation Standards for Pharmacy. Details regarding duty hours can be found at:

<http://www.ashp.org/DocLibrary/Accreditation/Regulations-Standards/Duty-Hours.aspx>

Residents will track their hours at the Saint Louis VAMC through the VISTA system. At the beginning of each month a VISTA email will be generated by the resident to log hours for that month (titled with month and year). The residents will address this email to their own account and keep the messages in a designated folder. Responses to the email of "in" at arrival in the morning, and "out" at the time of departure during the day will help to keep track of time spent at the medical center. At the end of each month, these logs will be forwarded to the RPD for review.